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TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE OF CANADA
CONFERENCE
AT THE
CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL, OTTAWA.

NOVEMBER 18th, and 19th,
1955

The details of the Final Agenda are not yet available but the following are the main subjects for discussion, and the tentative timetable.

Friday Nov. 18th — Introductory Speakers

10:00 A.M. Report of the President:
"What is wrong with Town Planning in Canada and what can be done about it".

Report of the Secretary Treasurer:
"Finances and Membership"

Report of the Committee on Education.

Report of the Committee on Ethics:
"Discussion of the temporarily adopted code and proposed amendments".

4 short statements on Ethics from the Federal, Provincial, Municipal, and Private points of view.

Report of the Committee on Publications.

Report of the representatives to the Canadian Arts Council.

Reports of the representatives of the regional groups.

12:00 Noon — Report of the Nominating Committee

The Election of Officers

1:00 P.M. Luncheon - no speaker

2:30 P.M. Topic for Discussion:
The Urban Development of Canada and the Planning function.

As a factual basis for this discussion participants will be supplied with information sheets giving statistical and other data relating to the social, physical and economic conditions of urban growth in Canada.

The discussion will be opened by three short statements:

"The need for an Ideal"

"The need for public recognition of the Urban Problem expressed in new or amended municipal legislation"

"The need for quality in residential districts"

7:00 P.M. Dinner
Speaker - from the Department of Transport.
Topic: "Air transportation as a problem in urban growth"
(Guests to be invited to this meeting)

No Evening Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 19th

10:00 A.M. Discussion of the Seminar type on Institute Policy on Qualifications for membership.

Proposal On:
Recognition by the Federal and Provincial Governments of the Institute's corporate membership as the only qualification for public Town Planning positions.

Question of Affiliate Membership, a written discussion and proposal.

Relation of the National Body to Regional Groups.

1:00 P.M. Luncheon

"Professional Institute Problems"

2:30 P.M. Business continued:

Analysis of the By-laws and Proposed changes.

Amendments to the By-laws.

Resolutions.

Note: All Committee reports should be submitted in writing by October 1st. This material will then be submitted to all members prior to the conference.

COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Institute was held on September 10th, 1955, when the topics discussed included the programme for the Annual Meeting and Conference, proposed amendments to the by-laws, and the role of the national organisation in relation to the regional chapters.

A.S.P.O. - C.P.A.C. ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, P.Q.
September 25th - 29th

Programme Summary

Sunday, September 25th - Registration, Job Market and Reception.

Monday, September 26th - Registration and Opening Session - welcome, Presidential responces and Keynote Address. Urban Planning Problems in Canada, Can Metropolitan Government Work, Is this Trip Necessary. Is Zoning Wagging the Dog. Suburban Development Problems.

Tuesday, September 27th - Zoning Round Table. Planning Problems of Small Towns. Subdivision Round Table. Session for Planning Commissioners. Planning Education Forum. ASPO Annual Meeting. St. Lawrence Seaway. Planning in Print. Development Timing. Public Opinion Surveys. CPAC Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday, September 28th - Zoning Round Table, Urban Renewal. Churches in the City. Visual Design of Cities. Planning for Tomorrows World. Civic Reception.

Thursday, September 29th - Field Trips.

Full details can be obtained from Mr. Eric Beecroft, CPAC Director. 77 MacLaren Street, Ottawa.

THE PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS ON PLANNING PROBLEMS IN OTTAWA

The Prime Minister speaking in the House of Commons on July 27th, 1955 made an important statement on the protection of the Ottawa Green Belt and the problem of compensation. He stated that the desired legal status had not yet been given by the local municipalities and the Province to the Green Belt proposals of the Greberplan and as a measure of direct Federal assistance towards this policy the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation..."are being directed immediately to restrict the facilities they provide under the Housing Act within the area of the green belt of the National Capital".

The restrictions imposed were further explained as follows...

"The limitation to be imposed is that until further notice no assistance with respect to housing or land development in the designated area will be entertained by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation unless the proposed development is in accordance with a plan that has been approved under the Ontario planning act. I am sure that there will be general agreement that this is the best way to avoid a sporadic development which the Government should not in any case underwrite and which should not be facilitated in contravention of the plan developed for our national capital."

The Prime Minister then referred to the compensation problem which would result from a realistic approach to green belt preservation he said . . . .

"I would point out for the consideration of our parliamentry committee, however, that this maintenance of a green belt will pose a major financial problem that cannot be overlooked. It will require a restriction on the use of land that will prevent its sale or use for purposes that might be more valuable financially than those to which it is restricted. This restriction is in the public interest, but it is not in the interest of the individual owner. A problem of compensation arises."

The full account of this debate can be read in the House of Commons Debates, official report (Vol. 97, No. 139) for Wednesday, July 27, 1955.

Restriction of government financing as a device for the protection of green-belt is in operation in Denmark to protect the Copenhagen greenbelt and now that the principle has been accepted for Ottawa its application to other Canadian cities should be seriously considered.

ONTARIO'S NEW MINISTER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Honourable William McAdam Nickle, Q.C. has been appointed Minister of Planning and Development for Ontario. He is a native of Kingston and held the post of Provincial Secretary from January 20th, 1955 to August 17th, when he took up his present appointment.

PLANNING COURSE COMENCES IN TORONTO UNDER PROFESSOR GORDON STEPHENSON

The new division of Town and Regional Planning of the School of Architecture, University of

Toronto will provide under Professor Gordon Stephenson a course for graduate students leading to a diploma in Town and Regional Planning.

The course will include lectures in principles and theory of planning; planning practice in Canada; special problems in town and regional planning and there will be workshop courses in site planning, regional development, city planning and urban re-development. In addition students must take lecture courses offered by other departments. These include engineering, economics, geography, history, law, political and social science.

Prior to arriving in Toronto Professor Stephenson had since 1953 been consecutively, Consultant to the Government of Western Australia, the City of Perth (W.A.), and the University of Western Australia. From 1948 to 1953 he was Lever Professor of Civic Design in the University of Liverpool.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Walter L. Gordon, Chairman, Royal Commission on Canada's Economic prospects has indicated that, apart from examining the supply and demand for basic resources, his commission will also be seeking answers to questions of this sort:-

Is the shift in population from rural to urban areas likely to continue?

Would it be advisable to encourage the decentralisation of industry?

Will the limits of our cities continue to be pushed outwards or will there be a shift to multiple housing in central areas.

With a shorter working week, will Municipalities have to provide for the recreational needs of more people with more leisure.

What will be the demands for more and better roads, throughways and bridges.

In Edmonton, some of us wonder who will answer these questions adequately? Two possibilities for Institute action occur to us:-

1. The compilation of a reference list of Canadian studies already completed and which have a bearing on Mr. Gordon's questions.

2. The initiation, through our members who are teachers and students at the universities, of academic studies devoted to problems of urban growth.

Have our directors given thought to the working out of a co-ordinated programme on this matter with Community Planning Association, at the forthcoming Montreal conference?

Leonard Gertler Frank Marlyn
Dan Makale Norman Giffen
Edmonton District Planning Commission

PERSONAL

ALAN ARMSTRONG has been appointed "Advisor on Community Planning" within the newly formed Development Division of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

ALAN BARKER leaves the employ of the London and Suburban Planning Board, where he has been Planning Director. He intends beginning studies at Huron College in London in preparation for entry into the Ministry of the Anglican Church.

HANS BLUMENFELD has commenced duties with the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board as Assistant Director. After planning in Germany, Austria, and Russia he was Director of Research for the Philadelphia Housing Association from 1941 to 1944. From 1945 to 1948 he was senior planner for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and has since been private consultant to Philadelphia City departments and the University of Pennsylvania.

R.W. BORROWMAN formally Associate Planner in the Metropolitan Planning Office of Greater Winnipeg has recently been appointed City Planner in the Department of Planning and Works for the City of Ottawa.

JOHN BOUSFIELD has resigned from the staff of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board and has taken up the position of Director of Planning in the Township of Scarborough.

DAVID BUCHANAN has been transfered from the Ottawa headquarters of C.M.H.C. to the Prairie regional Office in Winnipeg as Regional Planner.

ELI COMAY has commenced duties as head of the Land Use Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board. He was previously chief planning analyst for the Chicago Land Clearance Commission.

AIME COUSINEAU has resigned his position as director of the Montreal City Planning Department and has commenced private practice at Suite 208, Artisans Building, 333 Craig Street, East, Montreal, Quebec.

ARNOLD FAINTUCH formally assistant planner with the Metropolitan Planning Commission of Greater Winnipeg has been appointed Town Planner for the City of Sudbury.

HEINZ FENICHEL a recent graduate of the University of California has commenced duties as a planner with Town Planning Consultants Limited, Toronto.

DONALD E. GUARD has been appointed Acting Planning Director to the London and Suburban Planning Board where he has been Senior Planner.

K. IZUMI & ARNOT architects and planners have been appointed as consultants to the Provincial Government of Saskatchewan to assist in the planning of Uranium City.

J.S.L. KING has set up a private practice at 1216 Yonge Street, Toronto, to specialize in land and industrial developments and municipal engineering.

HUGH T. LEMON is leaving his position as secretary-treasurer to the Hamilton-Wentworth planning Area Board and will be taking up a position with the Planning and Engineering Committee of the Toronto Board of Trade.

W.A. LOGAN is leaving the staff of the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area Board and is entering Emmanual College Toronto to complete his studies for the Ministry.

S. GEORGE RICH has been promoted from Assistant Planner to Associate Planner in the office of the Metropolitan Planning Commission of Greater Winnipeg.

WOJTEK WRONSKI has taken the position of Senior Planner with the City of Toronto Planning Board. Prior to his appointment he was employed by the London County Council, England as Planning Officer in charge of research into planning standards, population, and economic problems.

POSITIONS VACANT

CITY OF BRANDON, MANITOBA

The City of Brandon is seeking the service of a planner to carry out the initial studies necessary for a complete review of their existing Town Planning Scheme and Development Programme.

CITY OF REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Junior Assistant Planner Salary $303.50 per month. The City of Regina requires a junior assistant planner with design or research background or training. He would be expected to work on new developments, design of subdivisions and related matters.

METROPOLITAN TORONTO PLANNING BOARD Assistant Planner Grade II

The successful Applicant will be responsible for the internal design of community and neighbourhood structures throughout the planning area and be particularly familiar with good subdivision design, preferably a graduate of a planning school or equivalent experience. Applications should be made to the Director of Planning, Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board 133 Richmond Street, West, Toronto 1.

CITY OF TORONTO PLANNING BOARD

Assistant Director Salary $7,000 - $10.000.
Qualifications: Graduate in Planning or Social or Applied Sciences with extensive experience in planning.
Assistant City Planners and Planning Analysts Grades I and II.
Qualifications: Graduate in Planning or Social or Applied Sciences with experience in planning.
Apply in writing to the Secretary Treasurer, City of Toronto Planning Board, 465 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario.

CITY OF CALGARY

City Planning Department
Planner II - Salary $370 - $449 per month. Graduate in Architecture, Civil Engineering or Law with post graduate training in City Planning. Some experience in a planning office. Capable of interpreting without direction existing planning by-laws and subdivision regulations. To prepare development schemes pursuant to the General Plan and to draft the appropriate by-laws with a minimum of direction.
Planner I - Salary $319 - $388 per month. Graduate in Architecture or Civil Engineering with post graduate training in city planning. To carry out planning studies and surveys as directed and to present the findings in concise reports supplimented with maps and statistical data, and to design subdivisions and other planning work.

Applications for these two posts should be sent to the Personnel Director, City Hall, Calgary, Alberta, not later than October 3rd, 1955.

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH PLANNING AREA BOARD

Director of Planning - Salary range $5,400 - $7,100.
Applicant must have previous planning experience and be a graduate in City Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering or other related fields. Starting salary will be commensurate with experience and ability.
Assistant Planner - Salary $4,200 - $5,200. Applicant will be required to assist the Planning Director. Previous planning experience preferred but educational background will be considered as a substitute. A graduate in City Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, or other related fields is edesired. Starting salary will be commensurate with previous experience and ability.
Applications should be made to Director of Personell, City Hall, Hamilton, Ontario.

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